

# Saint Peter <sup>the</sup> Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 17, 2023

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

### COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday: 6:45 am

### CONFESIONS

Saturdays | 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Wednesdays | 8:30 am (*following 8:00 am Mass*)

First Saturdays | 8:30 am (*following 8:00 am Mass*)

### PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

### NEW PARISHIONERS

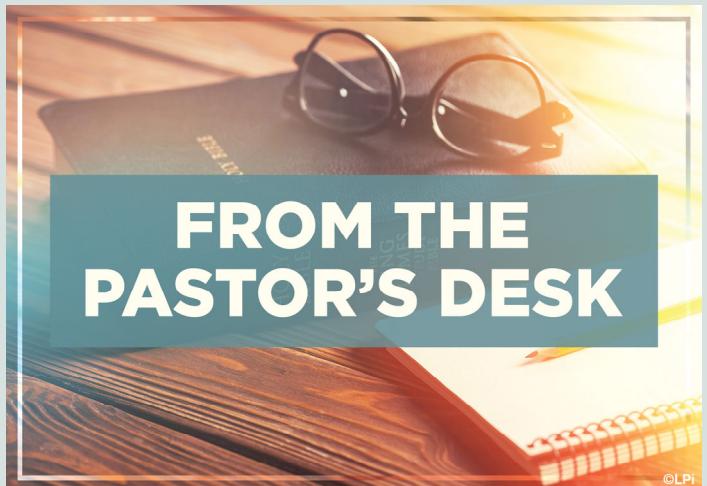
Please stop by or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register or visit the parish website.

### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

For details regarding planning a baptism, wedding, or funeral, please call the Parish Center (ext. 200) or visit the parish website.



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22



### Dear Parishioners:

I would like to ask you to keep the priests of the Joliet Diocese in your prayers, as we gather with Bishop Hicks for the Joliet Priests' Convocation 2023 taking place this coming week, September 18-21. The theme of this year's convocation is "Creating a Eucharistic Legacy in the Priesthood." This will be an prayerful and informative gathering, and it will be important and useful for priests to listen and discern the message when returning to our parishioners.

While I'm away at the convocation, Fr. Larry will be saying the weekday Masses. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Larry for always being there for us as a parish. He is a humble, committed, and loving priest. We ALL love him – he is a GREAT man.

This past week, we welcomed back our children to the Religious Education program. The start of the year was celebrated with a Mass of Explanation, which included the first part of the Mass. I hope the parents who were able to participate enjoyed the Mass. I encourage all parents to engage in the Religious Education of their children and to participate in the many opportunities available for parents.

Lastly, I am happy to share that I have hired a new Music Director – Roberta Moroz. Although newly hired, Roberta has been involved with St. Peter's music ministry throughout the years. Roberta begins the weekend of October 1. I hope you will join me in welcoming Roberta back to St. Peter's.

Please keep me in your prayers as I pray for all of you. Remember – God loves you – I love you.



With Love and Prayers,

*Fr. Tuan*

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish

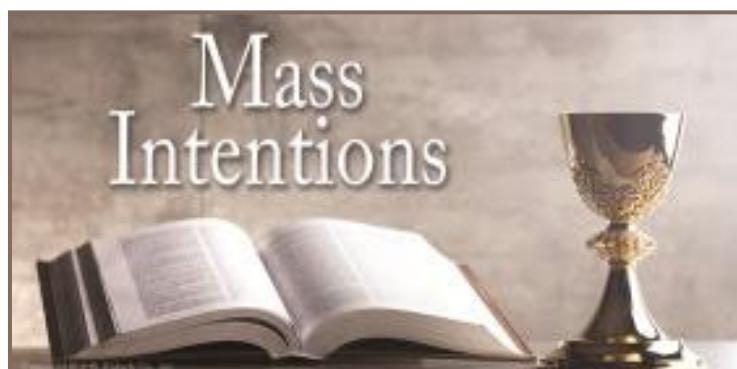


All are welcome to stop by the Margaret Wood's Parish Hall weekly following all Sunday morning masses. Grab a doughnut, a beverage and some fellowship!

### Tuesday Rosary Ministry

The Tuesday Rosary Ministry meets weekly at 7:15pm.

Attendees are welcome to lead a decade if inspired to do so. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice.



### The 2024 Mass Intention Book NOW open *As a reminder...*

In an effort to provide a more equitable opportunity for weekend mass requests, the current policy limits the frequency of WEEKEND requests to ONE TIME PER MONTH with a cap of THREE intentions per request.

Currently, weekday mass intention requests are not be held to any restrictions.

Arrangements to have a Mass said for a particular intention can be made by visiting or calling the Parish Center during regular office hours.

Daily Masses and the Sunday 8:30am and 10am Masses may have only one intention. The Saturday 5:00pm Vigil and the Sunday 11:30am Masses are generally available for multiple intentions with a maximum of six.

The requested stipend for a Mass intention is \$10.

Mass Intention Cards are available upon request.

**Note:** Certain Mass dates/times are often filled months in advance.



### ANNUAL PET BLESSING Sunday, October 1 | 12:30 pm

*in front of church*

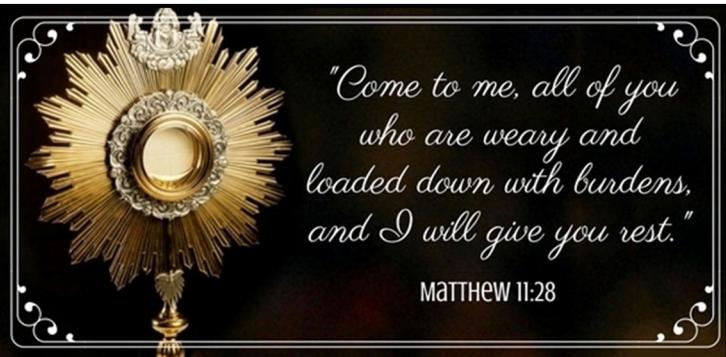
*Please bring your pets (contained or on a leash) to receive this special blessing from the Lord through the intercession of Saint Francis.*



### "Mums" the Word— But Don't Keep it a Secret!

Fall and its glorious colors are around the corner. To help kick things into gear, St. Peter's will once again be selling Mums this year for \$12 each.

GET THEM BEFORE  
THEY'RE GONE!



### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church  
on October 6.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
will begin following 8:00 am Mass  
and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

Come spend quiet time with Jesus  
before this Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

This is a wonderful time to offer your  
prayers of thanksgiving or prayers of petitions  
for yourself or loved ones.

To ensure that two people are present at all times,  
anyone able to commit to a one-hour time slot  
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# Knights Notes

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## Tootsie Roll Drive



The Intellectual Disabilities or "Tootsie Roll" Drive is one of the most recognizable activities of the Knights of Columbus. The funds generated from this drive are used to support local programs which help people with intellectual disabilities.

The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive will take place Sept. 15-17 at select Itasca street corners and store fronts, as well as after all masses that weekend.

Individual sleeves of Tootsie Rolls may be purchased for \$30.00 or a case for \$125.00.

They are perfect for Halloween and your donation is tax deductible.

For any additional information, contact the event chair, Mike Cummins at 630-965-3783.



## TEAMING UP FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:15 am to 12:30 pm



## St. Vincent de Paul COLLECTION DRIVE



## Knights of Columbus FOOD DRIVE



## Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

- > Have you thought about becoming Catholic?
- > Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly RCIA, is a program available to adults seeking to become a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a formation process, which includes the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. While coming to know Jesus and His invitation to become a disciple, the OCIA process involves the journey of faith and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church.

*St. Peter The Apostle is here to help you  
in your relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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For more information, please contact Deacon Bob  
by email at [deaconbob@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:deaconbob@stpeteritasca.com) or  
[chapxyz@yahoo.com](mailto:chapxyz@yahoo.com)  
or by phone at 630-217-0851.

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**Friday, September 22 at 7PM**



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Each year, the Season of Creation Ecumenical Steering Committee proposes a theme for the Season of Creation. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" and the symbol is "A Mighty River".

The Prophet Amos cries out "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

We are invited to join the river of justice and peace on behalf of all Creation and to converge our individual identities, of name, family or faith community, in this greater movement for justice, just like tributaries come together to form a mighty river. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

Each of us can do something, even if it seems like a minor thing. Lots of small actions can create major impacts in our neighborhood, our community and our diocese. If every person that comes to weekly mass would bring one food item each week to donate to the food pantry, we would overflow the donation box with our generosity; what a wonderful problem to have! Sharing our bounty with others is a wonderful way of supporting those in need.

Deacon Fred Maier

Visit [seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org) or [laudatosimovement.org](http://laudatosimovement.org) for additional information.



## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### REFLECTION - GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 18:21-35

*Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.*

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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# FORGIVE

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered,

"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

MATTHEW 18:21-22

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# GIVE SERVE LIVE

## Stewardship of Treasure

St. Peter the Apostle

Fiscal Week 10: Sunday Collection (09/03/2023).....\$ 12,374.00

Fiscal Week 11: Sunday Collection (09/10/2023).....\$ 8,971.00

GiveCentral: August 2023.....\$ 3,305.00

### Monthly Diocesan Loan Balance September 2023

As of September 5, 2023, the \$2 million dollar diocesan loan balance for our capital project stands at 87,113.98 .

*Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.*

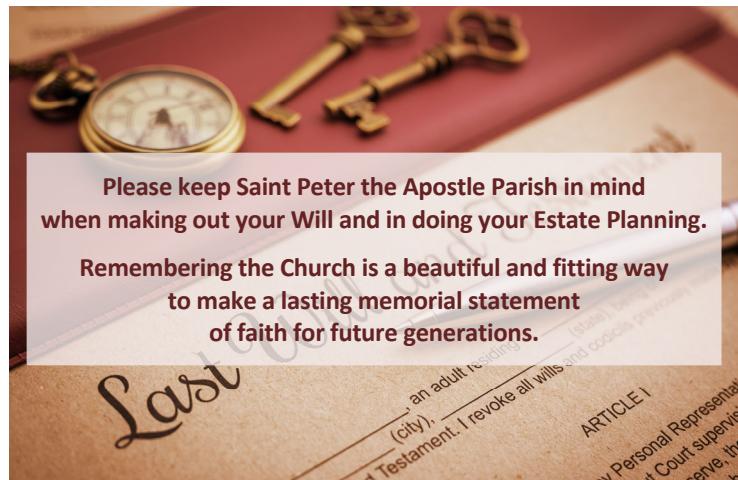
If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office by email at [business@stpetertasca.com](mailto:business@stpetertasca.com) or by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).

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Please visit the parish website and look for the GiveCentral icon to link to the secure online giving portal.



You can also connect directly by using the QR code provided or visiting the website directly at [givecentral.org/location/1251](http://givecentral.org/location/1251)



Please keep Saint Peter the Apostle Parish in mind when making out your Will and in doing your Estate Planning.

Remembering the Church is a beautiful and fitting way to make a lasting memorial statement of faith for future generations.

Last  
an adult resident of the State of Illinois, I revoke all wills and other documents made by me purporting to appoint my Personal Representative, and Court supervisor, in the event of my incapacity.

thank you  
for your generous support!



## This Week at St. Peter's...

Sunday

September 17

Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)  
Mum Sales after all Masses (Parking Lot)  
Baptisms (Church)

12:30 pm

September 18

Knights of Columbus General Meeting (MW Hall)

Tuesday

September 19

Crochet Group (MW Hall)

7:15 pm

Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)

Wednesday

September 20

Confessions (Church)  
Religious Education Opening Mass (Church/School)

Thursday

September 21

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration (AFCM Center)

Saturday

September 23

Religious Education Opening Mass (Church/School)  
Confessions (Church)

Sunday

September 24

Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)



## SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 23 | Sunday, September 24

### Celebrants

- 5:00 pm Fr. Tuan Nguyen
- 8:30 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen
- 10:00 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen
- 11:30 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen

### Communion Ministers

- 5:00 pm Kay North
- Deacon Fred
- 8:30 am Greg Papuga
- Deacon Anthony
- 10:00 am Mary Booth
- Edgar Garcia
- 11:30 am Carmela Graziano
- Michael Graziano

### Lectors

- 5:00 pm Chris Kunze
- 8:30 am Jean Grote
- 10:00 am Nancy Magnus
- 11:30 am Diane Blackburn

# Mass Intentions For The Week



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 17 (Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
8:30 am	†Remo and Frances Rosy
10:00 am	†Andrzej Szymikowski
11:30 am	†Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 10884 - Itasca
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 18 (Weekday)</b>
8:00 am	The Franz Family - Special Intentions
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 19 (Weekday; St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr)</b>
8:00 am	†Antonio Pensa
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 20 (Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chöng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs)</b>
8:00 am	†Sophie Bieschke
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 21 (St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist)</b>
8:00 am	Communion Service
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 22 (Weekday)</b>
8:00 am	†Denis McNamara
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 23 (Vigil: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
5:00 pm	†James Berardi †John Elia †Christopher Kosk †Leonard Staniszewski †Helen Sularz People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 24 (Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
8:30 am	†Giulietta Alfano
10:00 am	†Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olenek
11:30 am	†Don Giancaterino †Giuseppina Ribaudo †Andrzej Szymikowski People of the Parish

## Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/ Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

## Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Sue Bobka	Mel Gerard	John North
Rosaleen Bradley	Gary Grote	John O'Dea
Ken Buffo	Joe Halac	June Pautsch
Ginger Busato	Martha Hayes	Cliff Peters
Joe Busato	Cambria Helle	Bonnie Pollock
Rocco Busato	Ken Hemstreet	Brendan Reidy
Elio Campanella	Michael Jasiak	Cindy Serrano
Bill Carpenter	Mary Kelly	Wayne Slowiak
Danny Clements	Sylvia Kleinedler	Belinda Sobucki
Regina Conti	Rickie Kruzel	Dan Sobucki
Mary Cummins	Judah Kuhlman	Randy Szweda, USMC
Mike Cummins	Sue McNamara	Dennis Torii
Paul Cummins	Maria Mizera	Marlene Torii
Charlie DeFranco	Richard Mrugacz	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Beth Dobose	James Nehf	Holly Vana
Geri Gerard	Loretta Nicolini	Carol Zell

Published prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family.  
Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call the Parish Center to renew your request.

**Join our Holy Father, Pope Francis,  
in his September prayers for the Church  
and for the world:**



**For people living on the margins.**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen**

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne

Cpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines

SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army

MAJ Joseph DeHaven, US Army

PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines

SGT Michael Helle, US Army

Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines

PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard

CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy

ENS Sean Kaszubowski, US Navy

SGT Jacob Los, US Army

MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army

1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines

Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard

MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard

GySgt Marcin Platek, US Marines

2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard

SGT MacLean Read, Army National Guard

SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army

LTG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)

SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines

LT Robert P. Woods, US Navy

Thomas Zablocki, US Marines

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Regular Meetings are held at  
7:00 pm on the first and third  
Monday of the month  
in Margaret Woods Hall.

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At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand to identify yourself to be given Holy Communion.

## PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT AND BULLETIN DEADLINES

**NOTE: Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.**

**Pulpit announcement** requests are to be submitted to the Parish Center no later than the **Tuesday preceding** the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to [bulletin@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:bulletin@stpeteritasca.com).

**Bulletin submissions** are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. Run time will be left to the discretion of the bulletin editor, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and sent via e-mail to [bulletin@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:bulletin@stpeteritasca.com).